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**Sent:** Wed 11/8/2017 8:14:08 PM  
**Subject:** FW: EPA involvement in wastewater violations at Delaware poultry plant?  
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David and Andy,

Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

David

**From:** Maddy Lauria [mailto:maddy@capegazette.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 08, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:** Sternberg, David <Sternberg.David@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA involvement in wastewater violations at Delaware poultry plant?

Hello David,

Yesterday the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control publicly released a serious notice of violation to Mountaire Farms' poultry processing plant in Millsboro, Del., citing exceedances of their wastewater disposal permit and outlining how excessive pollutants in discharges have led to groundwater contamination in the area.

I would like to know if EPA is aware of this issue, which includes violations dating back to 2015, and if so, what is EPA doing about it?

DNREC has said they've been working with the company to fix problems since 2010. So that means possible pollution has been going on for seven years. Is that acceptable in EPA's eyes, that these problems have been going on for so long and this is the first violation issued - with no fines attached?

I'm working on a story for our Friday paper. I know this is a tight deadline, but I'd appreciate it if you could get me some answers by tomorrow early afternoon. Attached is the NOV if that helps.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Maddy Lauria

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*"Telling a story is like reaching into a granary full of wheat and drawing out a handful. There is always more to tell than can be told." -Wendell Berry*